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THE ADDRESS OF The Freeholders OF The County of Middlesex,

Made and Delivered in Writing the Third day of this instant *March*, 1680. at *Hamstead-Heath*, unto Sir *William Roberts* Knight and Baronet, and *William Ranton* Esq; after they were declared to be Elected Knights to Represent the said County of *Middlesex* in the next Parliament to be holden at *Oxford* the One and twentieth of this Instant.

Gentlemen,

WE *the Freeholders of this County, have (in great Confidence of Your Integrity, Wisdom and Courage ,) now chosen You, to Represent Us in the next Parliament, to be holden at* Oxford, *on the* 21st. *day of this present* March. *And although we do not in the least question Your Faithfulness , to the True interest of this Nation ; nor Your Prudence in the Management thereof. Yet esteeming it greatly our Duty , in this unhappy juncture, wherein our Religion, Lives, Liberties, Properties, and all that is dear unto us, are in such Eminent danger, to signifie our pressing Dangers unto You. And accordingly we do request, That in the next Parliament, wherein we have Chosen You to Sit, and Act, That You will with the greatest Integritie, and most undaunted Resolution, Joyn with, and Assist the other Worthy Representatives, and Patriots of this Nation , in the searching into, and preventing the Horrid and* Hellish *Villanies, Plots and Designs, of that wicked, and restless sort of People, the* Papists , *both in this , and the Neighbouring Kingdoms. And making some Honourable Provision for the Discoverers thereof ;*

In ſecuring to Us, the Enjoyment of the True *Proteſtant Religion*, and the well Eſtabliſhed Government of this Kingdom,

In Promoting the happy, and long Prayed-for Union, among all His Majeſties *Proteſtant Subjects*.

In Repealing the 35*th*. of *Elizabeth*, The *Corporation* Act, and all other Acts, which upon Experience have proved Injurious to the True *Proteſtant* Intereſt.

In Aſſerting the Peoples unqueſtionable Rights of Petitioning.

In removing our juſt Fears, by Reaſon of the great Forces in this Kingdom, under the Name of Guards, which the Law hath no knowledg of.

In preventing the Miſery, Ruine, and utter Deſtruction, which unavoidably muſt come upon This, and the Neighbouring Nations, if *James Duke of York*, or any other *Papiſt*, ſhall Aſcend the Royal Throne of this Kingdom.

And laſtly, in ſecuring to us, our Legal Right of Annual Parliaments; which (under God) will unqueſtionably, prove the Higheſt ſecurity of all that is good, and deſirable to us, and our Poſterity after us.

Always aſſuring our Selves, that You will not in any Wiſe, conſent unto any Money-Supply, until we are Effectually ſecured againſt Popery, and Arbitrary Power.

And Particularly, we deſire You, to give the moſt hearty Thanks of this County, to that Noble Peer, *the Earl of Eſſex*, and by Him to the reſt of thoſe Noble and Renowned Peers, who were pleaſed lately and ſo ſeaſonably, to offer their Petition, and Advice to his Majeſty.

In the Purſuance of all which Needful, Worthy, and Excellent Ends, we ſhall, as in duty bound, ſtand by You, with our Lives and Fortunes.

This Addreſs *was very gratefully Accepted, by both the Elected Members. And their Anſwer returned to the great Content of the Freeholders.*

LONDON,

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